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ABANDONED FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF A FOREIGN  
OR INTERNATIONAL FILING (37 CFR 1.137(f))**

Docket Number (Optional)

027299.000005

First named inventor: Jon Boaz

Application No.: 10/779,429

Art Unit: 2632

Filed: February 13, 2004

Examiner: Unassigned

Title: Automated Meter Reading System,  
Communication and Control Network  
for Automated Meter Reading, Meter  
Data Collector and Associated Methods

Attention: Office of Petitions

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**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.137(f), APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

**1. Petition fee**

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

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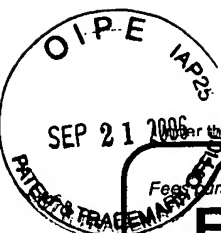
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
For FY 2005**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)  
750**Complete if Known**

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First Named Inventor Jon A. Boaz

Examiner Name unknown

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Attorney Docket No. 27299.002

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=	0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): petition to revive

Fees Paid (\$)

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\$750

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